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<b>Report Number</b>	<b>G/1/22</b>

## **THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee:** Gaelic Committee

**Date:** 2 March 2022

**Report Title:** World Gaelic Week/Seachdain na Gàidhlig 2022

**Report By:** Executive Chief Officer, Performance and Governance

### **1. Purpose/Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide elected Members with an overview of Scotland's first Seachdain na Gàidhlig (World Gaelic Week) which aims to celebrate Scottish Gaelic across the world. The report also updates Members on current activities planned and/or proposed across Highland.
- 1.2 Ms Joy Dunlop Director of Seachdain na Gaidhlig, and Mr Grant McFarlane Administrator of Seachdain na Gaidhlig will give a presentation on the initiative.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
  - i) comment, and note the Seachdain na Gàidhlig's initiative
  - ii) comment and agree the proposed Highland Council events which will contribute to the Seachdain na Gaidhlig initiative.

### **3. Implications**

- 3.1 Resource - The resource requirements are minimal and can be met within the existing Service budget.
- 3.2 Legal - The Highland Council have a requirement to implement its Gaelic Language Plan under the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act of 2005.
- 3.3 Gaelic - The report enhances Gaelic Development within The Highland Council area and supports the implementation of the Gaelic Language Plan.
- 3.4 Risk, Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island), Climate Change / Carbon Clever – there are no implications as a direct result of the contents of this report.

### **4 World Gaelic Week**

- 4.1 Seachdain na Gàidhlig, (World Gaelic Week), will be a seven-day programme of events, taking place from **Monday March 21st to Sunday 27th 2022**.

The official website for promoting the event describes the aims for Seachdain na Gàidhlig as promoting:

'Gaelic for all, through official events and community initiatives, which are like *Seachdain na Gaeilge* in Ireland and *Mìos nan Gàidheal* in Nova Scotia. The event will provide the opportunity for both Gaelic speakers and those without the language to take part in a way that suits them; here in Scotland and further afield.'

Additionally, individuals, businesses and community groups across Scotland and the world will be invited to take ownership of the Gaelic language, by creating their own ideas and events to feature within the extensive programme; supported by free online resources, learning materials and advice on the official website linked here: [www.seachdainnagaidhlig.scot](http://www.seachdainnagaidhlig.scot).

- 4.2 A live, online launch will be held March 21, at 2pm, covered by all Seachdain na Gàidhlig medias. This will feature Joy Dunlop Seachdain na Gàidhlig's Director, in conversation with Agnes Rennie, Gaelic Ambassador of the Year 2021, newly announced Young Gaelic Ambassador of the Year 2021 Choirstaidh NicArtair and Shona MacIannan, Ceannard/ Chief Executive Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Seachdain na Gàidhlig's main funder is Bord na Gaidhlig.

## 5 Highland Council – Events

- 5.1 The Gaelic Team are facilitating direct working or engaging in and supporting partnership delivery events across different sectors and communities. Following an internal team workshop, the following key events are in the process of planning:

- Promotion and awareness raising of the week via Head Teacher Sharepoint
- Digital network event for GME (Gaelic Medium Education) schools focusing on a celebration of Gaelic culture
- Provision of resources to engage and include all schools across Highland via Highland Online Primary School and 1 plus 2 networks
- Community engagement with schools
- Adult Learners Community – Ceilidh
- Alzheimer's Scotland – partnership project
- Corporate Communications to highlight Seachdain na Gaidhlig across Social Media platforms
- Develop Gaelic phrase / place name of the day which will be promoted on Social Media Platforms
- Collaborative working with Ainmean Aite na h-Alba (Placenames of Scotland) to promote Gaelic placename of the day across Highland
- Collaborative working between the Gaelic Team and Highlife Highland on projects and events. E.g. Community Engagement HLH – Learn with Lorna event

- 5.2 The following logo must be included in all promotional work led or facilitated by the Gaelic Team and Highland Council.



- 5.3 **Seachdain na Gàidhlig** have shared a draft timetable of focus on planned sectors.

Events will contain a timetabled programme of organised interviews, performances, and conversations, in partnership with collaborators from across a range of sectors.

A combination of in person, and online events (Covid-19 restrictions dependent) aims to provide a platform for Gaelic speakers to connect with communities.

### **Draft Timetable**

- **Monday 21st March** - Spotlight on Family & Community
- **Tuesday 22nd March** – Spotlight on Government and other public bodies
- **Wednesday 23rd March** – Focus on Gaelic as an economic asset
- **Thursday 24th March** – Focus on Education (formal and informal sectors)
- **Friday 25th March** – Focus on Arts, Culture & Heritage
- **Saturday 26th March & Sunday 27th March** – Use it, or lose it!

This will be accompanied by a programme of local events, supported by a tool kit of resources, that will allow community groups, local authorities, schools, libraries, and various organisations to become involved at community level.

Designation: ECO Performance and Governance

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Background Papers:

# What's On in West Highland for Gaelic Week 2022

## Dè tha dol anns A' Ghàidhealtachd an Iar airson Seachdain na Gàidhlig



English		Ghàidhlig	
<b>Monday 21st</b>	<b>Making Music</b> 3.15pm <b>Online</b>  Join us for Gaelic songs and tunes.	<b>Diluain 21</b>	<b>A' Dèanamh Cèol</b> 3.15 f <b>Air-loidhne</b>  Thig còmhla rinn airson òrain is cèol Ghàidhlig.
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Gaelic Conversation with Margaret Nicolson - 2pm</b> <b>Online</b> Join Margaret for chat and songs and hopefully some children from the Gaelic schools too.	<b>Diciadain 23</b>	<b>Còmhradh Gàidhlig le Mairead NicNeacail</b> 2 f <b>Air-loidhne</b>  Thig còmhla ri Mairead airson cabadaich is òrain agus an dòchas clann bho na sgoiltean Gàidhlig cuideachd.
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	<b>Gaelic Taster Session</b> 2pm <b>Online</b> Come along and learn a few words and phrases in Gaelic.	<b>Diardaoin 24</b>	<b>Ionnsaich beagan Gàidhlig</b> 2 f <b>Air-loidhne</b>  Thigibh ann agus ionnsaich beagan fhaclan a ràdh sa Ghàidhlig.
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Online Ceilidh</b> 11am <b>Online</b> A great get together with friends for a ceilidh - songs, music and stories.	<b>Dihaoine 25</b>	<b>Cèilidh air Loidhne</b> 11 m <b>Air-loidhne</b> Cruinneachadh sgoinneil le caraidean airson cèilidh – òrain, ceòl agus sgeulachdan.
	<b>Tea &amp; Shortbread in the Garden</b> 2pm <b>Tigh Na Drochaid Garden, Portree</b>  Meet in the garden for tea and shortbread, chat and songs in Gaelic. If you don't speak any Gaelic at all, come along and learn a few words.		<b>Tì agus Aran-Milis sa Ghàrradh</b> 2 f <b>Gàrradh Tigh Na Drochaid, Port Rìgh</b>  Thigibh don ghàrradh airson tì agus aran-milis. còmhradh is òrain Ghàidhlig Chan eil Gàidhlig agaibh? Thigibh agus ionnsaich beagan fhaclan!!

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### Find us on Facebook – [Alzheimer Scotland – West Highland Highland](#)

Our online support and activities are only possible thanks to the donations we gratefully receive.

To support Alzheimer Scotland – West Highland please consider donating via our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/westhighland1>

Many thanks to Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Highland Council for their support with our Gaelic activities.



All of our groups and activities are open to people living with dementia, their family, friends and carers.